

REMARKS

With the above amendments, claims 1, 4, 5, 13, and 17-27 remain in the application. Claims 2, 6-8, 15 and 16 have been canceled in this response. Claims 21-27 are newly added.

Allowable Claims

In the last office action, claims 6-8, 15 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for deeming the aforementioned claims allowable.

Accordingly, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 and allowable claim 6. Independent claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 15. New independent claim 21 includes the limitations of allowable claim 7. New independent claim 22 includes the limitations of allowable claim 8. New independent claim 23 includes the limitations of allowable claim 16.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all independent claims of the present application are now allowable. The dependent claims of the present application are now allowable at least for depending on allowable base claims.

Conclusion

For at least the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4, 5, 13, and 17-27 are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408)436-2112 for any questions.

If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-2427.

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Respectfully Submitted,
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